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21 MS. TREICHEL: My name is Judy Treichel. I'm
22 the Executive Director of the Nevada Nuclear Waste Task
23 Force. And this has been quite an amazing evening.
24 It's been an amazing two weeks. If you're here to
25 gather our comments for the Secretary of Energy, I

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1 think the first thing you have to tell him is that the
2 people of Nevada overcame all the odds, overcame all of
3 the tricks, all of the absolutely disrespectful sort of
4 shenanigans that went on about these hearings, which
5 were the most important things that have happened in
6 this whole process, and in this project.

7 These hearings were not only held in a way
8 that violated our constitutional rights, and probably
9 violated the Administrative Procedures Act, but they
10 also were very, very deceptive, and that's why you've
11 had very unusual testimony coming from this lectern.
12 Because they were set up in a way that people thought
13 that they were supposed to be coming out here and
14 giving comment on a technical document or a whole
15 series of them, technical documents that aren't worth
16 the paper that they're printed on, because they refer

17 to rules that haven't even been finalized.

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18 But what this really is, or is supposed to
19 be, is the chance for Nevadans to tell the Department
20 of Energy what they think about a nuclear waste dump
21 being sited at Yucca Mountain. And I think you can
22 safely go back and say that this place was packed,
23 regardless of how tricky it was, regardless of the fact
24 that you wound up with a nuke dump booster coming in
25 from Utah who had the good sense to sign up early, that
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1 there was a nuke weapons guy from the Oakridge National
2 Laboratory, had the good sense to call in and get an
3 early spot. There were NEIP that -- I mean, you know,
4 we're not that dumb. We know that these people were
5 brought here.

6 (APPLAUSE)

7 They were given their spots. And here we
8 sat, and had to put up with this stuff. And this is
9 insane. This is not the way you treat people. It's
10 not the way you treat nations that you're supposed to
11 be respecting, who actually own that land. You called
12 several meetings, all at one place, all at one time,
13 and you moved the spot, and we had officially two

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14 business days to find out and get people here, and by

15 God, Nevadans showed up and they showed up in big

16 numbers.

17 (APPLAUSE)

18 And they were not served. Most people who

19 showed up never got a chance to testify. Oh, yeah, you

20 can go in the closet with the woman that's, that's

21 taking down the testimony. That's not a hearing. A

22 hearing is when you get heard. A hearing is when you

23 are heard. When you get to hear the other people.

24 That's why they come out. We all know that we can send

25 in comments to Carol on e-mail. By snail mail. By

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1 whatever means, fax. We can do that. We know that.

2 But you come to a hearing in order to be heard. And

3 most of the people that came here were not heard.

4 Right now, it's 10 minutes to 11:00. The

5 last bus to take people back went back at 10:00. My

6 son didn't come. He has three school age children.

7 When it's 10 minutes to 11:00 and you've got kids that

8 have to catch buses at 6:00 in the morning, that's kind

9 of a stretch. But they would have come. And they

10 would have talked. And they do very well. And they're

11 the Nevadans that would have to see this thing if it

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12 came. And it's not coming.

13 You're expecting an incredible leap of faith,

14 and the people that we've heard here that are ready to

15 sell out, that's insane. When they stand up here and

16 at the same time tell you there's nothing we can do,

17 it's coming. But we do trust that you're going to give

18 us a whole bunch of money. Now that does not make

19 sense. This is not a position of power in which you

20 negotiate a really good deal. It doesn't work that

21 way. If you thought, and were convinced -- and I sure

22 hope you're not -- that you could just run right over

23 Nevadans, there certainly would be no reason for you to

24 suddenly get a nice streak and start throwing money

25 around. We don't want the money. The Shoshone don't

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1 want the money. The Paiutes aren't going to sell out.

2 And neither are Nevadans. We know how to live together

3 here, and we're going to keep doing it.

4 (APPLAUSE)

5 And there's a lot we can do about it.

6 There's the court system that I still believe works.

7 And states' rights, and native rights, sovereignty

8 rights don't get run over that quickly. And if they
9 do, if that doesn't work either, you've got the people
10 of Nevada, you've got the Western Shoshone, you've got
11 the Paiutes, you've got two nations of people, a
12 sovereign state, and two sovereign nations of people,
13 that you've got to run those trains over. And I don't
14 know if you've got the stomach to do that, but that's
15 going to be what you're left with, and you should tell
16 the Secretary that. And I wish he'd been here to hear
17 this. Thank you.

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